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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5831-N-49]

**Notice of Submission of Proposed
Information Collection to OMB;
Emergency Comment Request**

Notice of Emergency Approval of an Information Collection:

Connect Home Baseline Survey Data Collection

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, HUD has requested from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) emergency approval of the information collection described in this notice.

DATES: Comments Due Date: **[INSERT DATE 14 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202-395-5806. Email: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Anna Guido at Colette.Pollard@hud.gov or telephone 202-

402-3400. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. This is not a toll-free number.

Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Pollard.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD has submitted to OMB a request for approval of the information collection described in section A.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: Connect Home Baseline Survey Data Collection.

OMB Approval Number: 2528-New.

Type of Request New collection.

Form Number: Survey.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The purpose of this effort is to support communities in the 28 ConnectHome sites in administering a baseline survey of targeted residents' current at-home Internet access. The survey administration will include the development of an outreach plan with HUD ConnectHome collaborators and communities; selection of a sample of participants to be surveyed; administration of an initial baseline internet access survey; and submission of a database, codebook, frequency output tables for collected data; and submission of a summary analysis of the collected data.

The baseline survey will provide HUD with baseline measures of in-home high-speed internet access, barriers to access among those without access, and types of devices used to access the internet. Upon establishing baseline measures, HUD's ConnectHome team will use this information to support local efforts in closing the digital divide.

Respondents (describe): The survey is expected to be administered by mail or by PHA staff in person or by phone to targeted assisted households at 28 ConnectHome sites. Communities are targeted different populations, which the survey's sampling process will recognize: some communities are targeting only public housing households with children, while others are also targeting voucher holders or residents of HUD multifamily housing in addition or instead.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,800.

Estimated Number of Responses: 2,800.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Average Hours per Response: 5 minutes (.0833 hours).

Total Estimated Burdens: 233.33 (233 hours and 33 minutes).

Note: Preparer of this notice may substitute the chart for everything beginning with estimated number of respondents above:

Information Collection	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Responses Per Annum	Burden Hour Per Response	Annual Burden Hours	Hourly Cost Per Response	Annual Cost
Total	2800	Once	2800	.0833	233.33	\$100.00	\$23,333.33

B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in section A on the following:

- (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;
- (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

C. Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35.

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